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- Four decisions were reached as the result of the military conference held in Moscow under the presidency of Marshal <u>Bulganin</u>, 5 to 12 Nov 53, in celebration of the Soviet revolution:
  - a. The objective of being able completely to mobilize the Satellite armies in the fall of 1953 was not attained.
  - b. The collaboration among the various Satellite armies has not progressed far enough and coordination among them is retarded.
  - c. Military education in the Soviet orbit has become static and does not correspond with the technical progress of new arms.
  - d. The political control of Satellite armies is ineffective and Communist indoctrination of the soldiers does not go deep enough.
- 2. As a result of this unfavorable opinion, which was presented 12 Nov 53, Marshal Bulganin has ordered General Malinin to set on foot an inquiry into the reasons for this set back to Soviet efforts in Satellite Europe.
- 3. General Malinin is at present in Warsaw, and is shortly expected at Prague. The Czechoslovak general staff, being informed by General Rytif on Soviet discontent with the military and political state of the Czechoslovak Army, expects the rehabiliation of General Prochazka, former commander in chief. He was purged after Slansky's arrest, along with generals Lastovicka and Ejem. The reintegration of other Communist officers driven from the service as a result of Party quarrels is also expected.
- 4. General Malinin is considered one of the most capable leaders of the new generation and the announcement of his appointment has created considerable unrest among Satellite officers.

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